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SUBJ: PEREZ STATE VISIT: REQUEST FOR CABINET
BILATERALS

1. WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING BILATERALS BE HELD
DURING THE PEREZ STATE VISIT:

A MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER OF MINES VALENTIN
HERNANDEZ AND JAMES R SCHLESINGER, ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR ENERGY.

B MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER OF FINANCE HECTOR
HURTADO AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO ON THE ONE HAND, AND
SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN,
AND UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
RICHARD COOPER ON THE OTHER.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE FIRST MEETING WOULD BE TO
INITIATE AN IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE ENERGY PICTURE
AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE US AND VENEZUELAN POSITIONS
TO IT. BY SEPTTEL WE ARE FORWARDING WHAT WE
UNDERSTAND TO BE THE INTERNAL AGENDA WHICH PRESIDENT
PEREZ AND MINISTER HERNANDEZ ARE WORKING UP FOR
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DISUCSSION IN WASHINGTON. IN AT LEAST THIS AREA
THE GOV MAY SUGGEST SOME KIND OF PATTERN FOR ON-GOING BILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS. ONE THOUGHT WHICH THEY MAY SUGGEST
IS TO HAVE THE STATE VISIT FOLLOWED SHORTLY BY A
MEETING OF ENERGY EXPERTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO
REVIEW THEN NEED FOR A REGULAR PATTERN OF CONSULTATIONS
ON THE GENERAL ENERGY PICTURE.

3. THE MEETING WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL WOULD
BE TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE CIEC MEETING
AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY QUESTIONS.

4. WE RECOMMEND THAT THESE BILATERALS BE SCHEDULED
SEPARATELY FOR THE AFTERNOON OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29.
PRESIDENT PEREZ IS VERY LIKELY TO HAVE THE MINISTERS
WITH HIM DURING THE OTHER PARTS OF THE TWO-DAY
VISIT. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT THE MINISTER
OF MINES WOULD BE WILLING TO REMAIN BEHIND THURSDAY
AND/OR FRIDAY OF THE NEED FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS ON
ENERGY WOULD APPEAR ADVISABLE.

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